

## **State and Local Government Finance Division**

Assisting Local Governments

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# Trouble in River City!?! (or What's up with NC UAL Governments!)

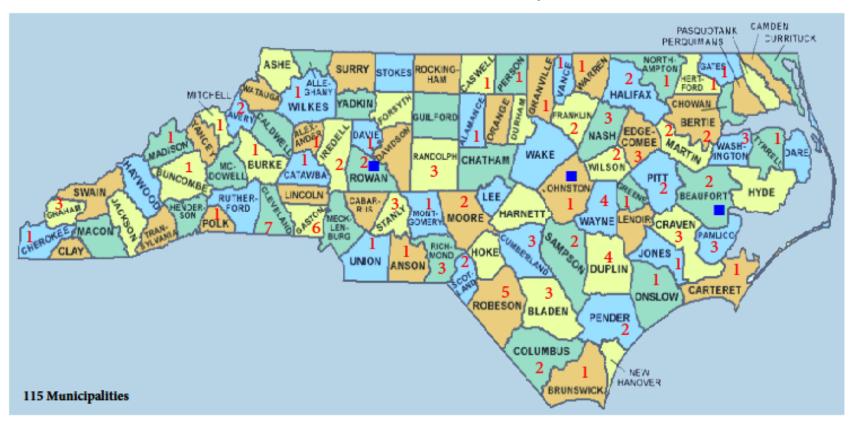
- We've got "Trouble but...
- What we've learned...
- What we're doing...
- What we may need…

## **COACH Team a Success**

- COACH team has made 144 visits to 106 different units of government in 14 months
- Extremely well received
  - Units on UAL improved enough to be considered for debt approval
  - Unit staff look to team for guidance and assistance;
    gained trust of some of most vulnerable units
  - Team has integrated their work with other staff responsibilities, freeing up other resources

## North Carolina Local Government Units Currently on Unit Assistance List





Troubled Counties (13):

Hyde

Martin Vance Anson Northampton Edgecombe Warren Greene Robeson Washington Hoke Scotland Tyrrell

#### Other Entities (4):

Albemarle Regional Library Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Airport Authority Stanly Water and Sewer Authority Yadkin Water and Sewer Authority

# ACC 3240

## Three pilot classes

- Beaufort Community College, Washington Campus
  - 20 students registered
  - 19 completed class
  - 6 units represented
- Johnston Community College, Smithfield Campus
  - 13 students registered
  - 12 completed class
  - o 8 units represented
- Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Salisbury Campus
  - 17 students registered
  - 16 completed the class
  - 12 units represented

# Interesting Observations and Feedback:

- One county sent its entire finance department along with at least one board member and used the class as a team building opportunity by having lunch and learn sessions outside of class to work on assignments
- One student stated that "every week he learned something new that his unit was doing wrong"
- At least one student paid for the class out of pocket
- Several students drove over an hour each way to attend including a mayor that drove 90 minutes each way

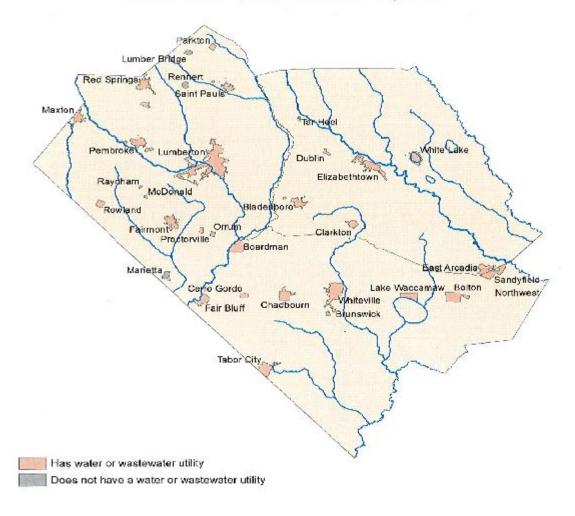
# **Next Steps**

- Class material is now available to all 57 colleges
- Many have expressed interest in offering later on this year or in Spring, 2018; SLGFD staff helping to promote class via our contacts with local governments
- Continue to focus on attendance by UAL units' staff
- Students have expressed interest in more in-depth, hands-on classes in investing, budgeting and governmental accounting
- NCCC interested in partnering with us long-term; possibly developing curriculum courses that could lead to a certificate or degree program



Providing small class training that is available regionally and after hours is very sought after by local governments.

## FAIR BLUFF/FAIRMONT PROJECT



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